



# City of Shoreview

## 2017 Licensed Tree Contractors



Trees are an investment, which is important to keep in mind when hiring an arborist to trim and/or remove trees. Strategically planted trees can save on heating and cooling costs, reduce storm water runoff, attract birds, and add value to your home. We suggest that you get 2-3 written estimates with guaranteed details in writing before signing a contract. ***To protect the home owner, the City requires all companies conducting tree trimming and removal to obtain a Tree Trimmers License, which includes providing valid bonding and general liability insurance.*** City Code Section 704 requires any person engaging in the business of tree trimming, tree removal, tree stump removal or tree maintenance and disease prevention to have a tree trimmer's license.

### HELPFUL TIPS FOR HIRING A TREE CARE PROFESSIONAL

- Beware of individuals who go door-to-door and offer bargains for performing tree work, especially if they are not based in the metro area. Most reputable companies are too busy to solicit work in this manner. Improper tree care can take many years to correct and may negatively affect the health of the tree. The City of Shoreview requires anyone soliciting door to-door to acquire a Peddlers permit at City Hall, which includes background checks. If a company comes to your door, ask to see their Peddlers Permit. If they do not have one, call 651-490-4600.
- **Never pay in advance.** Never let yourself be pressured or rushed into accepting work by apparent bargains.
- Beware of a company that is eager to remove a healthy, living tree. Removal should be the last resort.
- A good arborist will offer a wide range of services (pruning, removal, fertilizing, cabling/bracing, pest control, etc.).
- Ask for local references – other jobs the company or individual has done. Take a look at some and, if possible, talk to former clients. Experience, education and a good reputation are signs of a reputable arborist.
- Get more than one written itemized estimate. Require that it include full details of the work and itemize costs of any additional work that may be necessary. It is worth your time and effort to obtain two or more opinions and written cost estimates. Estimates are usually free, but always ask before setting the appointment.
- Good work is not inexpensive. A good professional must carry several kinds of insurance as well as pay for specialized equipment. You are also paying for their experience and understanding of how to care for trees and their ability to provide long term value to your landscape trees. Beware of estimates that fall well below the average. There may be hidden costs or the person may not be fully insured or trained. Under some circumstances, you can be held financially responsible if an uninsured worker is hurt on your property or if the worker damages a neighbor's property.
- Search for an Arborist near you: <http://www.isa-arbor.com/findanarborist/arboristsearch.aspx>

### TREE PESTS AND DISEASE INFORMATION

- Are you asking “*What’s wrong with my Tree?!?*” Before hiring an arborist, consider checking out the **University of Minnesota Extension’s Plant Diagnosis Guide**: <http://www.extension.umn.edu/garden/diagnose/> It includes a wide variety of information with excellent photos to help you identify what is wrong with your tree, also includes insect and weed identification.
- Learn More about **Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)\*\***: <http://www.mda.state.mn.us/emeraldashborer>
- Learn More about **Oak Wilt (OW)**: <http://www.extension.umn.edu/environment/trees-woodlands/oak-wilt-in-minnesota/>. Oak Wilt is prevalent in Shoreview: Pruning, wounding, or felling oaks should be avoided from early April to mid-July. Management strategies include stopping belowground spread, preventing spread by insects, not moving firewood from oak wilt-infected areas, and chemical protection.
- Learn More about **Dutch Elm Disease (DED)**: <http://www.extension.umn.edu/garden/yard-garden/trees-shrubs/dutch-elm-disease/>

The City does not endorse any of the licensed contractors listed below.  
*Companies are listed in order of license authorized. Updated: 1/06/17*

Company Name	City	Phone Number	Website	Root Graft Barrier	Preventative Injections		
					OW	DED	** EAB
*Langer's Tree LLC	Vadnais Heights, MN	(651) 426-1330	<a href="http://www.langerstree.com">www.langerstree.com</a>	-	-	-	Yes
Ken's Tree Service	East Bethel, MN	(763) 754-7667	<a href="http://www.ktstrees.com">www.ktstrees.com</a>	-	-	-	-
*Precision Landscape and Tree, Inc.	Little Canada, MN	(651) 484-2726	<a href="http://www.precisiontreemn.com">www.precisiontreemn.com</a>	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
*Monster Tree	Lake Elmo, MN	(651) 705-0033	<a href="http://whymonster.com/east-metro">whymonster.com/east-metro</a>	-	-	-	-

\* Denotes company with one or more certified arborists on staff.

\*\* The City of Shoreview offers an Emerald Ash Borer treatment program available to residents and businesses. Call (651) 490-4665 if interested.

+ Company has a contract with the City to remove public trees and complete noncompliant removals on private property.